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CGC KUKUI NEWSLETTER

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July 15, 2016— KUKUI pulls into Rarotonga, Cook Islands for the third and final port call of the patrol.

On June 21, 2016, CGC KUKUI took in all lines and headed south for the third law enforcement patrol of the year. This trip's mission was to provide support to our partners in Tuvalu and Cook Islands through International Bilateral Agreements, and provide increased enforcement presence on the high seas working under the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's (WCPFC) Authority. Even though our primary mission for this patrol was Law Enforcement, KUKUI's impressive versatility allowed her and her crew to carry out four of the eleven Coast Guard Missions. KUKUI briefly resumed its AtoN mission when tasked to replace lighted buoy 5 in Pago Pago Harbor, American Samoa. On the same day, CGC KUKUI responded to a distress signal and effectively provided Rescue and Assistance to F/V MARY LOUISE. KUKUI boarded the drifting vessel, determined the casualty and towed her and her crew back towards American Samoa where they could receive the support they needed. KUKUI conducted the Marine Safety Mission through two international relations events with both Tuvalu and the Cook Islands. A scheduled rendezvous with Tuvalu's Marine Patrol Boat allowed for the two nations to work drills together and increase both services maritime safety awareness. *(continued on next page)*

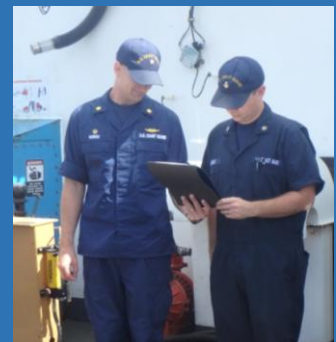
Welcome aboard to:

- LTJG TOWNSEND
- ENS LOSEY
- DC1 CHARNEY
- ET1 RYAN
- HS1 ROSE
- SK1 APALIT
- MK3 MOORE
- FS3 VASQUEZ
- BM3 STRACK
- BM3 BELMONT
- SA BAUTISTA
- FA CARTER
- SA STAZESKI
- SA MEDOSCH
- SA GAUTHIER

Fair winds and following seas to:

- LT HOLLOWAY
- LTJG MCGARRY
- DC1 KALAN (retired)
- FS1 HASSILEV
- ET1 VILLANUEVA
- HS1 DIAS
- BM2 DURAN
- SK2 LABORCE
- MK2 RIVAS
- BM2 CARBALLO
- BM3 WOOD
- MK3 WATSON
- SN TREBELLI
- FN HUTCHINSON
- SN VAZQUEZ
- FN MORIARTY
- FN FINN

Sailor of the Quarter Summer 2016:



EM1 Labianca!!! YAY!

The South Trip (CONTINUED)

Following the rendezvous, KUKUI pulled into Tuvalu with the singular mission of working “Operation Orange Initiative,” where the crew painted over 20 local fishing skiffs orange to increase their visibility in the unfortunate case of search and rescue. Later in the patrol, select members of the crew worked with the Rarotonga Marine Patrol Boat to share their experience and training on marine safety. Lastly, KUKUI spent the majority of the patrol focusing on the Living Marine Resources Law Enforcement Mission. *(read more about the law enforcement mission on pages 3 and 6)*

Joining us on the patrol were Lcpl Schacher, a Mandarin Linguist Stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Ted Kromer and Claire Honeyfield from the United States Geological Survey, and fisheries shipriders from Australia, Tuvalu and the Cook Islands. Lcpl Schacher joined us on the patrol to help communicate with some of the foreign vessels we encountered on our highly specialized international mission. KUKUI welcomed Ted and Claire from the USGS to ride with us to Kanton so they could provide much needed repairs and support to the seismic station located on the remote island. With the assistance of ET1 Ryan and other crew members the team was able to overcome logistical challenges and bring part of the station back online. The KUKUI boarding team worked cooperatively with shiprider Roy from the Australian Fisheries Management Association on Western-Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Boardings. This allowed both parties to extend their knowledge and experience enforcing the international agreement on the High Seas. Lastly KUKUI was joined by shipriders from both Tuvalu and the Cook Islands allowing the boarding team to utilize bilateral agreements to enforce fisheries laws within their nation’s Exclusive Economic Zone.

Amongst all of the hard work during the patrol, the crew was able to have a lot of fun and new experiences as we sailed through the South Pacific. We started the patrol pulling into one of the crew’s favorite port calls of Kanton in the republic of Kirabati where the crew had the opportunity to do some world class spear fishing and snorkeling on a remote pacific island with a population of about 20. A highlight of the Kanton Port Call is always interacting with the locals who shared their island, food and tradition with the Crew of KUKUI along with a traditional song and dance performance. KUKUI then made a quick stop in Tuvalu for Public Relations, where the crew had a chance to explore a new place, interact with the local villagers, play sports, and barbeque with the Marine Patrol crewmembers.

The next port call was American Samoa with highlights of the Luau at the famous Tisa’s Barefoot Bar, the Cross Island Hike and the LT (Light) House.

The last port call was one never before visited by any members of the current KUKUI crew. Rarotonga, Cook Islands was a new experience for the entire crew with highlights at many of the island’s multiple beachside resorts, another cross island hike and the market. *(see highlight photos of the port calls on page 4)*

During the last leg of the patrol, the cutters honorable and experienced members organized a traditional line crossing ceremony for some of the newer (less nautical) members. We had 18 members participate and earn both their Shellback and Golden Dragon Certificates. *(see more on line crossing on page 5)*

Lastly this was another fun morale patrol with pizza nights, a Rock-Paper-Scissors tournament, three trivia nights, an assassin game, and multiple BINGO nights. We had two swim calls and multiple fish calls maintaining the KUKUI tradition of not coming home with some fresh caught Ahi!

When leaving for this patrol it was not confirmed if this was going to be KUKUI’s final patrol in the South Pacific before the big move to Charleston. Right now as we are still working through an extensive dockside it has been confirmed that KUKUI has retired from her career in the South Pacific and prepares to head East to the Carribean.



By the Numbers:

Port Calls:	3
Boardings Completed:	16
Days Away From Homeport:	42
Drills:	82
Qualifications:	65
Nautical Miles Travelled (patrol):	8306.5
Nautical Miles Travelled (FY16)	21,707.3

LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

TIRED FROM BOARDINGS...?



... YOU SHOULD BE!

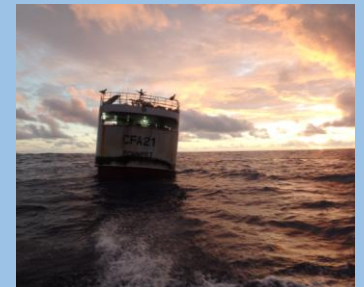
Even though some people might think we are a white boat, the environment and conditions that KUKUI works in makes every boarding a challenging, “All Hands” evolution. This patrol has been no exception, with limited personnel every boarding requires almost all hands participation and with the given statistics the entire crew can be credited.

Over the course of a 42-day patrol, KUKUI encountered over 20 vessels. The CO determined to not board four of these vessels due to environmental conditions or previous boarding records. In each of these cases we still gathered valuable intelligence from the Right of Approach questions/pre-boarding questions. For the other 16 of these vessels we sent an LE team over to conduct a boarding. We conducted 3 Domestic Commercial Fisheries Boardings, 3 Tuvalu Bi-Lateral Agreement Boardings, 4 Cook Island Bi-Lateral Agreement Boardings, and 6 Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Boardings.

Of the above-mentioned boarding's, a few key stories include:

-Boarding of the F/V WESTERN PACIFIC: As a US purse seine vessel the boarding opportunity on the WESTERN PACIFIC was both a unique experience for the boarding team and accomplished one of District 14's patrol priorities for KUKUI. The boarding of these vessels at sea is very rare, therefore every opportunity to get on board helps to draw a more accurate picture of the tuna industry.

-Boarding of the F/V MARY LOUISE: As KUKUI had already piped LE Phase I and the crew was preparing for a standard boarding, the bridge observed a crew member of the F/V MARY LOUISE set off a flare which he held off the stern of the vessel while waving his arms (both of which are international signs of distress). The boarding quickly changed pace as the crew now quickly changed mindsets to prepare for a Rescue and Assistance boarding. The engineering department quickly identified that they were going to send MK1 Fleming as a subject matter expert in order to provide potentially needed assistance to the drifting vessel. Once on board, the boarding team identified that the vessel had been stranded and drifting at sea with no propulsion overnight— they had called for help and lit off three flares with no response. MK1 Fleming determined that the vessel could not be repaired at sea and KUKUI initiated plans for a tow back to Pago Pago. Two boarding team members spent the night on board as KUKUI conducted a night towing evolution, escorting F/V MARY LOUISE and her three crew members to safety.

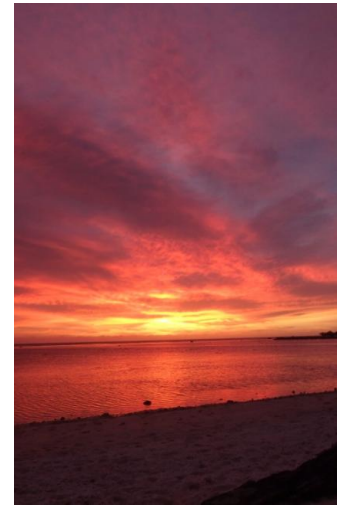


Not only was this a big (maybe record breaking) patrol for KUKUI's LE team, but we also had quite a few new members who I would like to congratulate on their qualifications. Thanks to BM1 Thorne for serving as our only boarding officer for the majority of the patrol after receiving his qualification. Congrats to BM1 Grant who we are happy to announce is our newest Boarding Officer. Lastly congrats to OPS, ENS Gollin, FN Moriarty and SN Loomis for your recent BTM qualifications!

Interesting boarding fact: this patrol KUKUI used (or tried to use) seven languages for boarding communications- English, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish (attempted with no success), French (attempted with no success) and Indonesian. Thank you to the special guests on the KUKUI Law Enforcement Team: ENS Losey, MK1 Fleming, DC3 Chun, BMC McCormick, Lcpl Schacher and BM2 Puglia, Vincent, Toledo, Colin, and Roy.

PORT CALLS

KANTON



AMERICAN SAMOA



RAROTONGA



Shellback and Golden Dragon

Dependant's Cruise

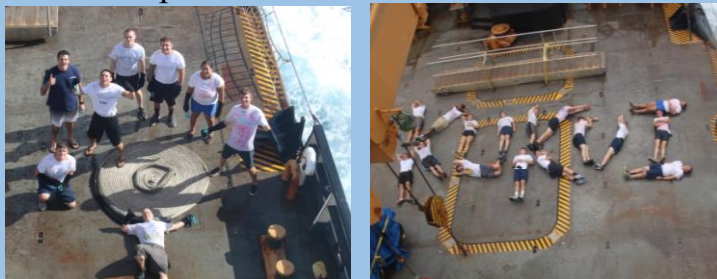
A Tale of Nautical Lure and Tradition...



With Wogs...



Who Complete Tasks of Teamwork...

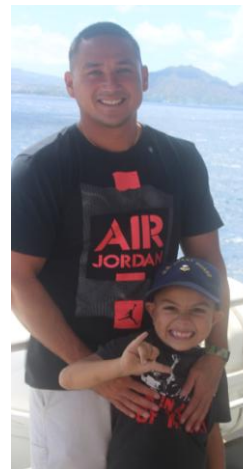


For the Honorables...



To Prove Themselves Worthy of the Title **SHELLBACK and GOLDEN DRAGON!**

Before the long summer Patrol, KUKUI was fortunate enough to bring our families and friends on board for a day trip dependant's cruise. Along with a barbeque around diamond head the cutter had coordinated with Air Station Barbor's Point to schedule flight demonstrations from a HH-65 Dolphin Helicopter with a Rescue Swimmer and a C-130 fly over.



The day was a great opportunity for our friends and families to get a glimpse of underway life. The event was a huge success and a great warm-up for the crew's upcoming 42 day patrol!

A special thanks to Air Station Barber's Point for the awesome demonstrations, the C-130 fly overs came so close they had everyone a little nervous!

BE SURE TO VISIT:

"SOMEGUYNAMEDMIKE"

Youtube Channel for KUKUI's latest Patrol videos and footage. The first KUKUI patrol with drone video support by BM2 Mike Valdes.

Featuring: "USCGC KUKUI 42 Day Summer Patrol 2016",
"Kanton, Kiribati (Drone Footage)"

WHAT DO WE DO OUT THERE?

KUKUI's IMPACT IN THE PACIFIC

If you are not part of the Law Enforcement Team, you might not have the full background of what KUKUI's mission has been the past twelve months. So here is a quick glimpse at the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Region and how KUKUI is making an impact.

Domestic Fisheries- Domestic Fisheries is the kind of boarding we conduct on any US flagged commercial fishing vessel. This mostly means the Hawaiian longline fleet that moors up just down the road from Sand Island and the American Samoan longline and purse seine fleets. These boardings are fairly in depth checking over all of the vessel's safety equipment and fishing gear.

Bi-Lateral Agreement- The United States has made multiple bi-lateral agreements with island nations in the Pacific. Through these bi-lateral agreements we host a shiprider whom we escort through their Exclusive Economic Zone and help enforce their fisheries laws in their own waters. This mission is a U.S. interest for a couple of reasons: (1) international relations- the U.S. is always playing big brother and helping out smaller developing nations, (2) the Tuna industry in the Pacific is a huge economic interest- the American Samoa Cannery alone is worth \$500 million dollars annually, (3) tuna and the other highly species are known as "pelagic highly migratory" meaning they move a lot therefore protecting the population in neighboring EEZs directly influences the strength of the population in our own waters. Recently we have used bi-lateral agreements with Republic of Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Western Samoa, Tuvalu and the Cook Islands.

Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission-

The WCPFC is an international fisheries agreement established for conservation and fisheries management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (tuna, billfish, and marlin) on the High Seas in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. The convention consists of 26 member nations, 7 participating territories and 7 cooperating non-members. The convention has created Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs), members have agreed to allow their fishing vessels to be boarded and inspected by patrol vessels of other members who may only enforce the agreed upon CMMs. The commission and the countries whom support it are primarily concerned with the protection of a natural resource that is the key to a multi-billion dollar industry.



Congratulations to KUKUI's newest Cutterman! Not an easy task and one that all four of you have been working on throughout your careers. Congratulations to ET1 Lugo, ET1 Ryan, FS1 de la Cruz, and BM2 Valdes for after five years of sea time earning to right to be called a permanent cutterman. Congrats!

BM2 MICHAEL VALDES

USCGC MONRO, USCGC ADAK,
USCGC KUKUI

"I've been waiting for this moment for four years and 364 days. I still have 15 to go."



FS1 CARL DE LA CRUZ

USCGC MUSTANG, USCGC KUKUI

"It's a pretty big accomplishment."



ET1 "MANNY-FRESH" LUGO

USCGC JAMES RANKIN, USCGC
KUKUI

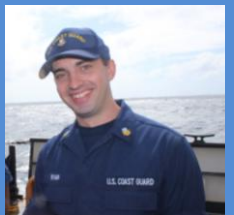
"Nothing in the world like it."
"Have fun in life... don't take it too serious."



ET1 COLIN RYAN

USCGC SENECA, USCGC POLAR STAR,
USCGC POLAR SEA, USCGC KUKUI
(USCGC JARVIS, USCGC SHERMAN)

"Since I have been on cutters I have gotten to go to some of the most remote places in the world from the North Pole to Kanton."



WHAT'S NEXT FOR KUKUI?

As everyone knows, KUKUI's time in Hawaii is quickly coming to an end. Starting this January KUKUI will begin its transition to Midlife Maintenance Availability (MMA) and the crew prepares to change homeport. What all does this entail you might ask? Well for the current crew we will be working hard packing up the ship and making the transition and then going on the trip of a lifetime as we set sail from Honolulu to travel through the Panama Canal to Baltimore.

CREW: The crew will be doing a PCS transfer from Honolulu, Hawaii to Charleston, South Carolina. By next summer the crew of KUKUI will better be known as the crew of USCGC WILLOW. WILLOW will be homeported on the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) base with the fleet's two newest National Security Cutters (NSC).

CUTTER: The cutter on the other hand will be enduring an extensive dry dock and repair process in the Coast Guard Yards in Baltimore, Maryland followed by a change in homeport to Sitka, Alaska to take the place of cutter MAPLE as she heads to the yards. The change from District 14 to District 17 will be a big change for the cutter as she will be put back into a primarily Aids to Navigation role within the inner passage. It will also mark an end of an era, as the third Coast Guard Cutter KUKUI departs the state of Hawaii and Island of Oahu. Our current Cutter KUKUI is the third to bare its name, the first was a 190 foot tender serving in Hawaii from 1908 to 1946, the cutter was moored at Sand Island during the attack on Pearl Harbor and played a role in the response efforts. The second KUKUI was a 339 foot cargo ship also homeported on Sand Island (1946-1972). Our current KUKUI was commissioned in 1997 and continued the tradition of serving the islands. The first KUKUI made the trip from the East Coast in 1908 around Cape Horn, because the Panama Canal was not yet built, now over 100 years later KUKUI will travel back to the East Coast through the new Panama Canal.



top left- the first KUKUI (190' tender served Honolulu from 1908-1946)
bottom left- the second KUKUI (339' cargo ship served out of Honolulu from 1946-1972)
right- current KUKUI (225' Juniper Class cutter served out of Honolulu from 1997-2017)

CHARLESTON

As the oldest and second largest city in South Carolina, Charleston has a rich history and is now known for its architecture, restaurants and southern tradition.

FUN FACTS ABOUT CHARLESTON:

1. America's longest Cable Bridge spans the Charleston Harbor
2. The first shots of the Civil War was fired by Citadel Cadets in Morris Island
3. Charleston is known as the "Holy City" because it has so many places of worship and a skyline of church steeples.
4. South Carolina was the first state to succeed from the Union
5. City's Baseball team the Riverdogs is partially owned by Bill Murray who frequents the games.

www.nnaweb.org/article?articleTitle=fun-facts-about-charleston-and-south-carolina

THINGS TO DO IN/NEAR CHARLESTON:

1. The Battery Park and White Point Gardens
2. Old City Market
3. Nathaniel Russell House Museum
4. Rainbow Row
5. Waterfront Park
6. Folly Beach
7. Fort Sumter
8. Middleton Place
9. Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum
10. Riverdogs Game
11. Sullivan's Island
12. Isle of Palms
13. Aiken-Rhett House Museum
14. Drayton Hall
15. Magnolia Plantation and Gardens
16. Angle Oak
17. Boone Hall Plantation
18. South Carolina Aquarium
19. Charleston Farmers Market



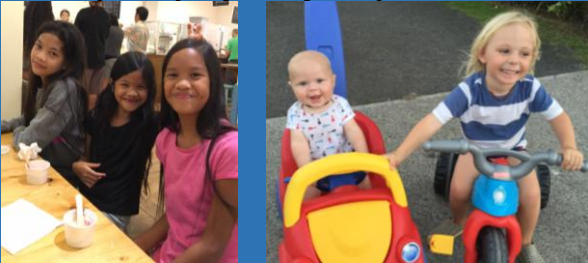
KUKUI KEIKI



Left- Brenna Anderson at Coast Guard Day
Middle- Amelia Stebe horseback riding at the beach
Right- Little Labianca



The Harris Kids as they celebrate the fourth of July with a picture for Dad!



Left- The lovely de la Cruz ladies enjoying some galato
Right- The Grant boys out for a bike ride!



The Parsons kiddos being super cute!



Left- The crazy Mills girls hangin' at the beach
Right- Sanoe Port feeding some chicks (See Makoa Port on page 5)

HAPPY RETIREMENT DC1!



KUKUI Crew Member DC1 Kalen Retired September 1 after 21 years of service

XO's Corner

Aloha Friends and Family! The Past Few Months have been quite a whirlwind of activity for the hardworking crew of KUKUI. After sailing more than 5000 miles of ocean and having completed nearly every mission we are capable of doing. We are finally back home where we are busy making the necessary preparations for our transit to Baltimore. None of this, of course, would be possible without the support of family and friends. Being a husband and a father, I truly appreciate the sacrifices each of you makes allowing your loved ones the opportunity to serve in the Coast Guard. Mahalo to the hardworking crew of KUKUI. Your efforts and tireless work ethic have not gone unnoticed. I am so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. It is truly an honor to sail with you and work alongside you as we make these final preps towards MMA.

Once a Shipmate... Always a shipmate!

Sometimes in the Coast Guard it is easy to loose track of old shipmates and friends with all of the transfers and advancing. I reached out to all our recent departing members and received back the following responses:

BM3 CONNOR DAHL:

UNIT: STATION PORT ANGELES

"Good to hear from you on behalf of the Kukui. I am currently a BM3 at Station Port Angeles in WA. I am enjoying my job here, but of course I miss the Kukui as well. I've attached a photo of me working a tow on a NOAA buoy. I wish the best to you and the Kukui crew."



AET3 TREVOR BARKHIEMER:

Graduated from A-School in E-City back in July and reported to his new unit.

**UNIT: AIR STATION KODIAK
ASSIGNED TO C-130s**

"It's really laid back here"

BM3 JASON STEINMETZ:

UNIT: STATION DEPOE BAY

"Hello! Hope all is well on the KUKUI! So I have had a great 8 months since I left the KUKUI. First I graduated BM A-school back on April 8th with orders to Station Depoe Bay, in Depoe Bay Oregon. I am about to get crew member qualified here this week."

UNIT: MK A-SCHOOL

NEXT UNIT: USCGC STRATTON

"I am happy to report that I will be graduating from MK A-School September 23rd and will be reporting to CGC STRATTON in Alameda, CA. I am not sure if that is worth including in the newsletter but that is what's up with me! Hope life is still going as great as I remember it onboard KUKUI!"

It's awesome to know that all of these once KUKUI non-rates are doing so well as Petty Officers in the fleet!
Congrats and Farewell to our next two nonrates with orders!!



CONGRATS TO SN ALOVIDOR on her
upcoming orders to FS A-School!!!
and FN RATKOVIC for his upcoming orders to
MK A-School!!!

Good luck out there!!



DO YOU HAVE IDEAS TO BE SHOWCASED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?

Contact the Tradewinds editor, ENS Bethany Gollin, with your photos, stories, advertisements, or ideas to be included in the next edition! ☺

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LUCKY BAG



Captain's Cabin

KUKUI and her crew had a very busy 16 months since I had the honor to take command in June of 2015. We have sailed over 30,000 nautical miles throughout the Pacific transiting in and out of 20 foreign and domestic harbors in support of Coast Guard Operations in the region. The crew earned the Overall Operational Excellence Award through successful completion of 9 strenuous inspections, 2 dynamic weeks of drills, and outstanding mission execution. I am incredibly proud of all the hard work, dedication, and success this crew has achieved. It is a group of exceptional individuals that has come together to form a strong team ready to take on all challenges, truly exemplifying the Coast Guard's motto of "Semper Paratus-Always Ready".

We are currently in the process of completing a long maintenance period to enable the ship to sail safely across the Pacific Ocean, through the Panama Canal, and up the East Coast. In Baltimore, we will turn the KUKUI over to the Coast Guard Yard to complete a major Mid-Life maintenance period, preparing her to continue as an effective operational asset for the organization for many years to come. KUKUI crew members are working very hard at the pier now to ensure the ship and her crew is equipped to make KUKUI's transit to the CG Yard in Baltimore and transition our crew to Charleston, SC CGC WILLOW next summer.

I would also like to highlight the incredible support we have received from our loved ones as we continue to navigate a rigorous schedule. It is always a joy to come back from a deployment and see the smiling faces of our families and friends whom we have missed so much. We appreciate the care packages that arrive mid-patrol to remind us of those we left at the pier. You have the hardest job of staying behind and managing your households without the support of your active duty spouse. Thank you for all your support!